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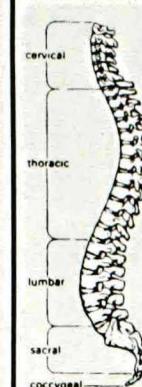
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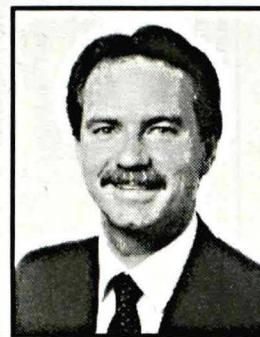
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REVIEW



Changing the 'E' in P.E. to 'Exercise'

by Jason Williams

According to physical education teachers and experts, obesity is becoming a major problem among youngsters and emphasis on physical exercise is badly needed.

Times have changed since today's parents were children; in many ways it is a whole new world: baseball after school is played on Super Nintendo rather than a sandlot and mom is at work rather than fixing a healthy after-school snack.

Healthy exercise and nutritious foods are no longer as popular as they used to be, and technological advances are taking the effort out of just about everything.

"All the data points toward a rise in obesity among teenage and preteen children," said Dr. Thomas McKenzie, a professor of exercise and nutritional sciences at San Diego State University (SDSU).

According to Dr. McKenzie there are three major contributing factors to obesity: biological, or inherited potential, reduced physical activity and overeating, particularly of foods high in fat.

"Calories you don't burn, you wear," he said, adding that children today are not as active as their parents were at their age.

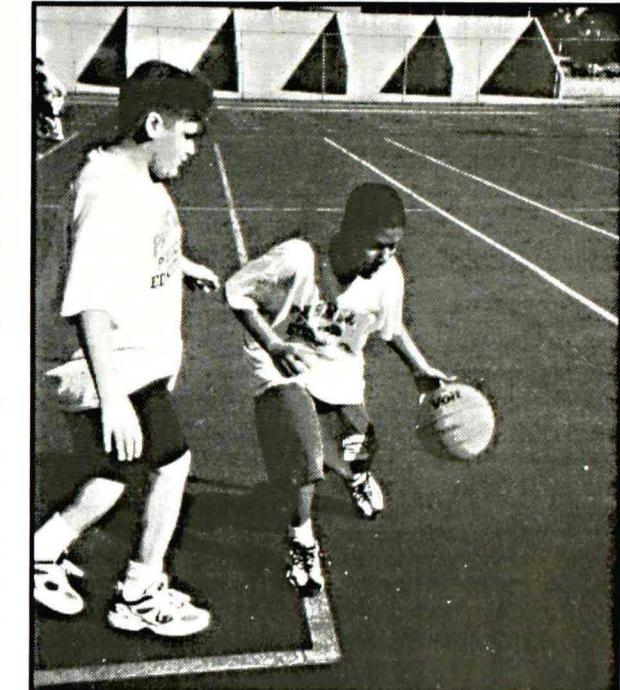
Obesity can be defined, very simply, as being overweight. The focus of obesity has turned from a primarily cosmetic scope to the acknowledgment that a sedentary lifestyle is a factor in many health-related problems.

These health risks are not apparent in adolescent children, but develop into life-threatening ailments in later life.

The overweight child can no longer be seen as simply an object for pity because they are harassed socially, but rather as an individual at risk and in need of a more healthy lifestyle.

Technology is not entirely at fault. A reduction in quality Physical Education plays a role and escalating costs to participate in community sports and athletic leagues is forcing out the lower income youth while staunch competition weeds out the unskilled.

As the focus is directed at those children starving around the world, no thought is being given about those youth who may be eating too much at home; obesity among adolescents in America is on the rise.



At Parkway Middle School in La Mesa, students get their exercise by participating in a "non-competitive" game as part of an exercise program taught by physical education teacher Deborah Brown.

Photo by Jason Williams

"Reduction of quality physical education, expansion of technology - television - and you have to consider who is at risk: females; certain minorities; the poor, due to rising costs of organized sports; and the competitive nature of league sports rising, creating a drop off rate of unskilled youth at the higher levels," the doctor noted.

Deborah Brown teaches physical education at Park-

Middle School in La Mesa and said she has also noticed a decline in physical activity among teens.

"There is not as much simple activity," said Brown, "and kids are being dropped off and picked up from school instead of walking or biking."

Brown has been teaching physical education for seven years and acknowledges

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B Words

by Bob Burns

Caltrans - You are doing it again ...

What has Caltrans got against Lemon Grove? Is it because we have the temerity to voice our opinions and to resist the will of that ponderous mega agency in its relentless conquest of our community? Are we such a burr under the saddle that we must be punished? Or, should I say, crushed like a bug?

With the Troy Street ramp defeat, it seems that we must be somehow put in our place. Now, they come up with the "catch basin" at Broadway and Sweetwater Road. I have to state that such an item NEVER was even hinted at in all of the previous plans and maps that were presented to us in the dozens of meetings regarding the 125 freeway. Where was this all this time? It looks like a last minute punitive backlash by the almighty highway giant to put us in our place. Is that what it is, Mr. Gallegos?

Catch basins do assuage the damage from flash flooding in our part of the country. We have woefully inadequate storm drain systems and, thankfully, they are only needed on rare occasions when we have a little rainfall.

The catch basin idea does make them less destructive by allowing water to accumulate and then released more slowly, avoiding the flash flood hazards.

On the flip side, the basins do breed mosquitoes, collect trash, endanger children and are a magnet for shopping carts.

It seems only logical to this mediocre mind that they should be strategically placed. Smack in the center of residential properties is not what that decision should be.

Why, Mr. CalTrans, do you not utilize the miles of cement lined drainage canals that were so expensively installed along Sweetwater Road some time ago. Why not place some baffles across the freeway at intervals with small holes near the base of the wall to restrict the flow of water? A sudden downpour would fill the series of catch basins and decrease the flow to a series of trickles instead of a flash flood.

By creating a, say two foot basin, every so often along the way, the danger would be averted. You already have the drainage ditch to accept the flow, so why not use it instead of creating a huge eyesore and danger to our community. Are you that mad at the Brookside people as well as us?

Now, it seems to me that a little common sense should be utilized here instead of heavy handed and power induced edicts. I think that a full investigation of this questionable idea should be made with hearings and some outside experts to tell us "the rest of the story."

We don't need Ken Starr, but there must be someone who can stand up to such monoliths as CalTrans and bring common sense and justice into play in such matters.

Our mayor and City Council should stand together and raise their voices in this matter and demand that they be included in such decisions, not blindsided by the highway dictators ...

How about it, Mary?

Lemon Grove Sheriff's Log

Oct. 15-16, 1998

8300 blk. Lincoln St. Residential burglary. \$260 value

Oct. 16, 1998

7600 blk. Broadway. Auto theft. \$2,200 value.

7500 blk. Broadway. Commercial burglary. \$60 value.

Oct. 17-23, 1998

3400 blk. Washington Ave. Residential burglary. \$400 value.

Oct. 19, 1998

7900 blk. Broadway. Strong-armed robbery. \$71 value.

7500 blk. Broadway. Auto theft. Value unknown.

Oct. 19-20, 1998

1700 blk. Colfax Dr. Residential burglary. \$860 value.

1400 blk. San Altos Pl. Grand theft. \$1,200 value.

Oct. 20, 1998

7300 blk. Broadway. Auto theft. Value unknown.

7000 blk. Broadway. Commercial burglary. \$87 value.

Oct. 21, 1998

7200 blk. Canton Dr. Strong-armed robbery. \$60 value.

1400 blk. Madera St. Residential burglary. \$780 value.

Oct. 22, 1998

1800 Massachusetts Ave. Auto theft. Value unknown.

7500 blk. Broadway. Vehicle burglary. \$2,809 value.

1400 blk. Madera St. Auto theft. \$7,000 value.

Oct. 23, 1998

2000 blk. Dayton Dr. Auto theft. Value unknown.

7600 blk. Lemon Ave. Vehicle burglary. \$25 value.

1700 blk. San Altos. Petty theft. \$150 value.

Oct. 24, 1998

3400 blk. Washington St. Residential burglary. \$100 value.

Oct. 25, 1998

8000 blk. Broadway. Strong-armed robbery. \$237 value.

Oct. 26, 1998

4900 blk. Federal Blvd. Petty theft. \$40 value.

6900 blk. Federal Blvd. Petty theft. \$40 value.

Lemon Grove Fire Log

Oct. 18, 1998

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Hwy 94 WB/College Grove Way. Vehicle fire/freeway.

7800 blk. Broadway. Assault victim.

7100 blk. Broadway. Child locked in auto.

7900 blk. Broadway. Possible heart.

3200 blk. College Pl. Difficulty breathing.

7900 blk. Lemon Cir. Residential structure fire.

7900 blk. Palm St. Alarms ringing.

8100 blk. Lemon Grove Way. High fever.

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Lemon Grove Almanac

1994 Population: 25,100

Incorporated: 1977

Area: 3.75 sq. mi.

Median income: \$34,399

1996-97 city budget: \$26.3 million

1996 taxable sales: \$265 million

Mayor: Mary Teresa Sessom

Council: Thomas Clabby

Craig Lake

Dwight Shelley

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City Manager: Doug Yount

Planning Director: Linda Niles

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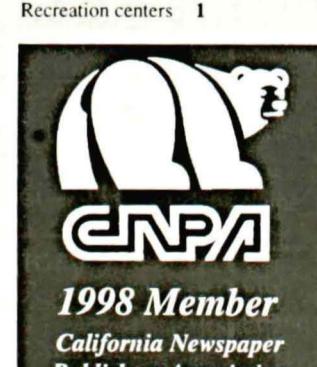
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'College is Possible' campaign on college financing launched

The Coalition of America's Colleges and Universities launched a national education campaign recently to enhance public knowledge about financing a college education. Nearly 1,200 colleges and universities will participate.

The campaign, called "College is Possible," will include efforts by local campuses to reach students and parents in their region, supported by a website, <http://www.CollegeIsPossible.org>, the U.S. Department of Education's special toll-free number for college information (1-800-433-3243) and a comprehensive resource guide.

The campaign is in response to survey research conducted earlier this year that showed that, while parents and students value a college education, many dramatically overestimate the price, often by as much as 200 percent, and underestimate the resources that are available to them to help pay for college.

The danger, which America's colleges and universities hope to avert through this campaign, is that many citizens will miss out on the opportunity for a college education because they do not have adequate information about the range of options and sources of help.

The students most at risk are minority students, families with low incomes and students whose parents did not themselves attend college.

Colleges have an obligation to help Americans become better, more knowledgeable consumers of higher education, said American Council on Education President Stanley O. Ikenberry

"No deserving student should be deprived of a college degree because he or she doesn't have the right information," he said. "We think this nationwide campaign will help close the information gap."

Findings from a survey released in May revealed that many Americans are not aware of the wide range of tuition prices and academic experiences among the 3,600 colleges and universities in the U.S.

Most people do not realize that there is \$60 billion available to students in financial aid from federal, state, local and institutional sources to help them meet college bills. Seven out of 10 full-time students qualify for financial aid — many receive a substantial amount.

At private colleges, for example, the average undergraduate receives \$9,000 to help pay for college, reducing expenses by almost half. Students at public colleges and universities also receive significant amounts of student aid, further reducing the price of attendance.

The survey research also demonstrated that parents and students need more information on the components of college costs and why they are on the rise.

The "College Is Possible" campaign will encourage colleges and universities to adopt creative and innovative cost-cutting measures, and better communicate with the public about the complexities of college financing. The campaign is slated to run through the year 2000.

Coalition members have committed to engage their communities on the issues of tuition prices, the wide availability of student aid and campus efforts to improve cost management. Through advertising and outreach at the local level, and a toll-free number and website available nationally, the coalition wants to get a simple three-word message out to the American people: College is Possible.

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Exercise

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that some responsibility lies on the parents.

"Most truly obese students are not willing to move. They are embarrassed to do anything; they don't want to run," said Brown.

She added that the obese students know they need to exercise, while some think they need to. She said she has lots of students who put in the effort, but a huge percentage won't do anything and their parents write them a note for every mile.

McKenzie spoke specifically about the mile in relation to obese students, stating, "The problem is they need more appropriate physical activity. Running the mile, obese students work harder at half the speed and they get ostracized for it. They are putting a lot more effort into going slow."

The answer lies in education and legislation in combating obesity, he emphasized, adding that one can instruct people how to be active and to set goals.

He felt that legislation, in terms of providing opportunities to be active - safety considerations, places to play, parks and recreation, opening school facilities for public use and increased programs for the non-elite, was needed.

Designing good curriculum which is developmental-

ly appropriate for dealing with large numbers of students is also a factor, he commented, and that a move away from the standard play of elimination games such as dodge ball is important.

Nutrition is the other side of the coin leading to obesity, with the consumption of high fat foods taking the lead over necessary fruits and vegetables.

"Teens are not getting enough fruits and vegetables," said McKenzie. "California is an ideal place to get them, but school lunches and vending machines are primarily filled with fatty foods."

He said that we attempt to work with schools and food service programs to make available a variety of foods, aside from those high in fat, but nutrient dense food is more expensive.

According to the doctor, fat content in foods can be altered as simply as changing the amount of cheese on a pizza.

Brown suggested parents might be able to influence their children's food consumption by teaching what is healthy from the start.

He noted that because there is no surveillance data, it is difficult to determine an exact amount of healthy exercise for children under 12.

The suggested amount of exercise is one hour a day of moderate physical activity.

An example of moderate physical activity would be fast walking. This can easily

be accomplished by outdoor activity or walking to school rather than being driven.

"The hour is based on the fact that kids doing half an hour were still becoming obese," said the doctor.

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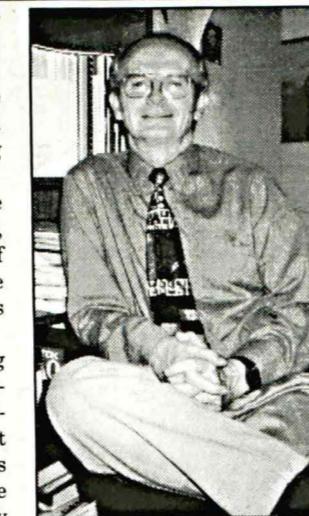
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Information and instruction was provided to a variety of trial schools around East County and the United States.

CATCH (Child and Adolescent Trial for Cardiovascular Health, 1987-2000) targeted physical activity, eating and smoking behavior, and included physical education, food service and family intervention components.

Schools in La Mesa, Spring Valley and El Cajon participated in CATCH.

SPARK (Sports, Play, and Active Recreation for Kids, 1989-1996) was designed to develop and assess an ele-



Dr. Thomas McKenzie

mentary school health-related physical education and staff program.

SPARK curricula included a physical education program that emphasized physical activity, physical fitness and motor skills development, along with an innovative self-management program for children.

M-SPAN (Middle-School Physical Activity and Nutrition, 1996-2000) is a four year study of physical activity and nutrition intervention in 24 middle schools in San Diego County.

The overall goal is to investigate whether environmental changes can lead to improved physical activity and dietary habits of students throughout the school day.

All the programs were designed to promote physical activity.

East County senior triple medals in world games

Ann Martin of La Mesa was a triple medal winner at the Huntsman World Senior Games held in Saint George, Utah Oct. 12 - 25.

Martin took two silver medals and a bronze in swimming including the silver in the Individual Medley at the games which promote fitness, friendship, fun and healthy competition for seniors.

The primary sponsor is the Jon and Karen Huntsman Family and the Huntsman Companies. The games began in 1987 with about 500 participants and have grown each year since.

This is the 12th running of these games and included more than 4,000 male and female athletes 50 and over. Participants from each of the states in the U.S. and 36 other countries have participated in these games. This year, there were 22 events.

The sports involved were tennis, golf, swimming, basketball, softball, cycling, mountain biking, track and

Intervention schools receive staff development, materials and services to increase student activity levels and promote the consumption of less dietary fat.

According to the doctor, the three programs are very different in many aspects, including scope, magnitude, length and intervention in target behaviors.

CATCH, SPARK and M-SPAN were all initiated by multidisciplinary teams of university researchers involved in the development and evaluation of programs implemented by school personnel, and consisted of separate intervention and measurement teams.

Suzanne Mollenhauer has been teaching for 12 years and is now a physical education instructor at La

Pres Middle School in Spring Valley.

"We try to modify to fit the needs of the student, instituting special programs so they won't give up," she said. "We try to encourage them, so they feel successful."

Michelle Lamar, who teaches physical education at Cajon Valley Middle in El Cajon, motivates her students by expecting them to do only what they are capable of doing.

"With the new programs, we have less students who simply say 'no,'" said Brown, "and we try to treat the students fairly and get to know them on an individual basis, adjusting the curriculum to meet their needs."

East County and CIF

Prep Sports Schedule

(as available)

Tuesday, Nov. 10 - Tuesday, Nov. 17

(check with schools for times)

Tuesday (11/10) - GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CIF Div. I-II first round/Div. III-IV Quarterfinals (at higher seed).

Wednesday (11/11) - BOYS WATERPOLO CIF Div. II first round (at higher seed). GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CIF Div. III-IV Quarterfinals. Div. V first round (at higher seed).

Thursday (11/12) - BOYS WATERPOLO CIF Div. I first round (at higher seed). GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CIF Div. I-II Quarterfinals (at higher seed).

Friday (11/13) - FOOTBALL West Hills at Santana, El Capitan at Grossmont, El Cajon Valley at Mount Miguel, Helix at Granite Hills, Monte Vista at Valhalla. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CIF Div. V Quarterfinals (at higher seed).

Saturday (11/14) - BOYS WATERPOLO CIF Div. I-II Quarterfinals at Jewish Community Center (all day). GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CIF Div. I-II-III-IV semifinals (at higher seed).

Monday (11/16) GIRLS TENNIS CIF first and second rounds individual singles at Barnes Tennis Center.

Tuesday (11/17) - BOYS WATERPOLO CIF Div. I-II Semifinals at Jewish Community Center. GIRLS TENNIS CIF first and second rounds individual doubles at Barnes Tennis Center.



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These games also feature health screening education and social events for the participants.

In 1999, the Huntsman World Senior Games will be held Oct. 11 through 24 in Saint George. For more information, call (800) 562-1268 or contact the games at www.infowest.com/hwsg